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SUBJ: FY 1977 MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT ON INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS: NOMINATION OF MR ISTVAN ELIAS

1. NAME: ISTVAN ELIAS.
TYPE OF GRANT: MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT, CODE 211.
JUSTIFICATION: NOMINATED BY THE INSTITUTE OF CULTURAL
RELATIONS (KKI); INTERVIEWED AND APPROVED BY P&C OFFICER.
TENTATIVE VISA ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION: CONSULAR SEC-
TION HAS NOTING ON RECORD TO INDICATE INELIGIBILITY.
AVAILABILITY DATS: DATES OF PROJECT.
QORBM BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

PLACE OF BIRTH: GORBEHAZA, HUNGARY.
DATE OF BIRTH: [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 19 AUG 2013].
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED. CHILDREN: ONE.
PRESENT POSITION: DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OVERSEAS SECTION,
HUNGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; SECRETARY OF HUNGARIAN
SECTION OF THE U.S-HUNGARIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL.
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND: DEGRE OF ECONOMIC SCIENCES, KARL
MARX UNIVERSITY, 1962.
LANGUAGES: FLUENT ENGLISH; GOOD SPANISH AND RUSSIAN.
TRAVEL: BRIF OFFICIAL TRIPS IN EAST AND EUROPE IN CON-
NECTION WITH HUNGARIAN CHEMICAL AND METALLURGICAL
INDUSTRY NEGOTIATIONS; IN U.S. IN 1975 AND 1976 IN
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TERS.
ADDRESS: H-1149 BUDAPEST, NAGY LAJOS KIR. UTCA 176.

3. COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAM:

A. MR ELIAS IS AN ARTICULATE, PERSONABLE AND HIGHLY MOTIVATED INDIVIDUAL WHO HOPES TO MAKE HIS VISIT TO THE U.S. IN CONNECTION WITH MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE ONE.

B. IN THE CASE OF MR ELIAS WE ASK THAT, INASMUCH AS THE MULTIREGIONAL PROJECT SCHEDULE ALLOWS AND IT DOES NOT DUPLICATE THE PROJECT AGENDA, HE BE ASSISTED IN MEETING AND TALKING WITH ECONOMICS EXPERTS FROM GOVERNMENT, ACADEMIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS. MR ELIAS' SPECIAL AREA OF INTEREST IS EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS. IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF HE WERE TO MEET AND TALK WITH SPECIALISTS IN THIS FIELD IN WASHINGTON AND OTHER CITIES ON THE PROJECT'S ITINERARY. FOLLOWING ARE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS FOR MR ELIAS:

DEPT OF COMMERCE - BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE
DEPT OF STATE - EUR/EE AND APPROPRIATE ECONOMIC OFFICES
BROOKINGS INSTITUTION - DR LAWRENCE KRAUSE
AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE - WILLIAM FELLNER
GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIV - PROF ROBERT DUNN
COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS - AS APPROPRIATE
TREASURY DEPT - DR SIDNEY JONES OR HIS SUCCESSOR
WORLD BANK - BELA BALASSA
EXIMBANK - APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS

C. MR ELIAS IS WIDELY INTERESTED IN AMERICAN CLASSICAL AND POP MUSIC, THEATER AND MUSEUMS AND WE ASK THAT HIS MULTIREGIONAL SCHEDULE ALLOW HIM TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THESE FACETS OF AMERICAN CULTURAL TRADITION.

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